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AUGUST LOCAL UNEMPLOYMENT RATES ANNOUNCED

METRO AREAS

Madison – Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development (DWD) Secretary Roberta Gassman today announced that every Wisconsin metropolitan statistical area (MSA) had an August unemployment rate that was lower than the July rate. Eight of the twelve MSAs were lower when compared August 2005 rates.

“Wisconsin's labor market continues to show strong gains,” Secretary Gassman said. “Wisconsin's economy is growing, adding jobs and creating more opportunities every day – and we remain committed to helping those areas of the state which continue to struggle.”

The Janesville MSA rate dropped the most on a monthly basis, down 2.2 percent points to 4.5 percent and the Sheboygan MSA rate also registered a notable decline, down one percent point to a rate of 3.5 percent. The Madison MSA, at 3.0 percent, had the lowest rate. The Janesville MSA also experienced the largest annual decrease in unemployment dropping 1.5 percentage points.

The majority of the MSAs also showed job gains both compared to July 2006 and August 2005. The Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis MSA topped the list with 1,300 more jobs since July; the Madison MSA added 1,200 jobs.

Annually, job growth occurred in 10 of the 12 MSAs, with the Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis leading the way with 10,000 more jobs compared to August 2005.

County Rates

Sixty-eight of the state's 72 counties monthly unemployment rates declined in August; two were unchanged; and two posted small increases of one-tenth of a percentage point. Dane county's rate was 2.9 percent and was the state's lowest. Wisconsin had 34 counties with August unemployment rates at four percent or lower.

Annually, 38 counties had lower unemployment rates compared to August 2005 and 10 were unchanged. Florence, Juneau and Price counties had the largest annual rate decline, each down seven-tenths of a percentage point.

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Employment and Labor Force

Place of Residence Data

Unadjusted labor force estimates

	Current	Month Ago	Year Ago
Total labor force	3,101,800	3,130,600	3,067,400
Employed	2,970,300	2,978,600	2,935,000
Unemployed	131,600	152,000	132,400
Wis. Unemployment Rate	4.2%	4.9%	4.3%
U.S. Unemployment Rate	4.6%	5.0%	4.9%

Adjusted labor force estimates

	Current	Month Ago	Year Ago
<i>Total labor force</i>	3,074,200	3,080,500	3,042,300
<i>Employed</i>	2,932,400	2,926,100	2,898,700
<i>Unemployed</i>	141,700	154,400	143,700
<i>Wis. Unemployment Rate</i>	4.6%	5.0%	4.7%
<i>U.S. Unemployment Rate</i>	4.7%	4.8%	4.9%

Unadjusted Unemployment Rate, by WI Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA)

MSA	Current	Month Ago	Year Ago
<i>Wisconsin</i>	4.2	4.9	4.3
<i>Appleton</i>	4.0	4.6	4.1
<i>Eau Claire</i>	3.9	4.3	3.9
<i>Fond du Lac</i>	4.7	4.8	4.3
<i>Green Bay</i>	4.1	4.7	4.2
<i>Janesville</i>	4.5	6.7	5.0
<i>La Crosse</i>	3.3	3.9	3.6
<i>Madison</i>	3.0	3.4	3.0
<i>Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis</i>	4.8	5.5	5.0
<i>Oshkosh-Neenah</i>	4.1	4.6	4.2
<i>Racine</i>	5.3	6.0	5.7
<i>Sheboygan</i>	3.5	4.5	3.7
<i>Wausau</i>	3.8	4.3	3.7

Place of Work Data

Nonfarm wage and salary estimates, by WI Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), in thousands

MSA	Current	Month Ago	Year Ago
<i>Wisconsin</i>	2,888.0	2,887.8	2,854.1
<i>Appleton</i>	118.3	118.0	117.7
<i>Eau Claire</i>	81.0	81.2	79.4
<i>Fond du Lac</i>	48.9	48.8	48.4
<i>Green Bay</i>	171.9	171.1	170.3
<i>Janesville</i>	69.8	69.4	69.7
<i>La Crosse</i>	72.0	72.1	73.0
<i>Madison</i>	351.1	349.9	346.5
<i>Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis</i>	844.7	843.4	834.7
<i>Oshkosh-Neenah</i>	92.5	93.0	91.8
<i>Racine</i>	82.6	82.5	80.8
<i>Sheboygan</i>	63.9	63.9	64.4
<i>Wausau</i>	72.4	72.5	72.3

WISCONSIN COUNTIES

Unemployment Rates

August 2006

(Not Seasonally Adjusted)

RANK	COUNTY	RATE	LAST RATE	LAST RANK	YR AGO RATE	RANK	COUNTY	RATE	LAST RATE	LAST RANK	YR AGO RATE
12	ADAMS	5.1%	5.7%	14	5.4%	49	MARATHON	3.8%	4.3%	53	3.7%
8	ASHLAND	5.1%	6.4%	7	5.2%	10	MARINETTE	5.1%	6.1%	9	4.8%
27	BARRON	4.4%	4.7%	36	3.9%	16	MARQUETTE	4.9%	5.5%	15	4.8%
30	BAYFIELD	4.2%	4.8%	29	4.1%	1	MENOMINEE	14.0%	16.0%	1	13.0%
41	BROWN	4.0%	4.5%	43	4.1%	4	MILWAUKEE	5.7%	6.5%	3	5.9%
69	BUFFALO	3.3%	3.8%	68	3.4%	62	MONROE	3.5%	4.1%	59	3.8%
39	BURNETT	4.0%	4.6%	37	4.2%	19	OCONTO	4.6%	5.7%	12	4.4%
58	CALUMET	3.6%	3.9%	67	3.9%	32	ONEIDA	4.2%	4.8%	31	4.3%
38	CHIPPEWA	4.1%	4.5%	45	4.2%	35	OUTAGAMIE	4.1%	4.8%	28	4.2%
28	CLARK	4.3%	4.9%	24	4.2%	66	OZAUKEE	3.4%	3.9%	65	3.6%
54	COLUMBIA	3.7%	4.2%	58	3.7%	48	PEPIN	3.8%	4.3%	52	4.2%
46	CRAWFORD	3.8%	4.4%	46	4.0%	70	PIERCE	3.3%	3.7%	70	3.5%
72	DANE	2.9%	3.3%	72	2.9%	43	POLK	3.9%	4.8%	26	3.7%
15	DODGE	5.0%	4.9%	25	4.6%	18	PORTAGE	4.7%	4.6%	40	4.6%
67	DOOR	3.4%	3.8%	69	3.5%	33	PRICE	4.1%	6.4%	6	4.8%
25	DOUGLAS	4.5%	4.8%	32	4.9%	6	RACINE	5.3%	6.0%	10	5.7%
50	DUNN	3.8%	4.1%	62	3.7%	42	RICHLAND	4.0%	4.5%	44	3.4%
52	EAU CLAIRE	3.7%	4.3%	50	3.7%	21	ROCK	4.5%	6.7%	2	5.0%
14	FLORENCE	5.0%	5.7%	13	5.7%	7	RUSK	5.2%	5.2%	19	4.3%
17	FOND DU LAC	4.7%	4.8%	34	4.3%	63	SAUK	3.5%	3.9%	66	3.4%
2	FOREST	5.9%	6.5%	4	5.9%	26	SAWYER	4.4%	5.0%	21	4.0%
47	GRANT	3.8%	4.4%	47	3.9%	29	SHAWANO	4.2%	4.9%	23	4.2%
64	GREEN	3.4%	4.3%	48	4.0%	59	SHEBOYGAN	3.5%	4.5%	41	3.7%
20	GREEN LAKE	4.6%	4.8%	33	4.4%	53	ST. CROIX	3.7%	4.3%	51	3.7%
71	IOWA	3.2%	3.6%	71	3.3%	61	TAYLOR	3.5%	4.2%	57	3.7%
3	IRON	5.9%	6.5%	5	5.9%	68	TREMPEALEAU	3.3%	4.0%	63	3.5%
31	JACKSON	4.2%	4.8%	30	4.6%	36	VERNON	4.1%	4.7%	35	3.9%
55	JEFFERSON	3.6%	4.3%	49	3.7%	44	VILAS	3.9%	4.3%	54	4.0%
24	JUNEAU	4.5%	5.0%	22	5.2%	57	WALWORTH	3.6%	4.1%	61	3.6%
9	KENOSHA	5.1%	6.3%	8	5.0%	13	WASHBURN	5.1%	5.2%	18	4.6%
51	KEWAUNEE	3.7%	4.5%	42	3.9%	45	WASHINGTON	3.9%	4.3%	55	3.8%
65	LA CROSSE	3.4%	3.9%	64	3.7%	56	WAUKESHA	3.6%	4.1%	60	3.7%
60	LAFAYETTE	3.5%	4.2%	56	3.5%	40	WAUPACA	4.0%	4.6%	38	4.5%
11	LANGLADE	5.1%	5.9%	11	5.4%	23	WAUSHARA	4.5%	5.1%	20	4.3%
22	LINCOLN	4.5%	5.3%	17	4.5%	37	WINNEBAGO	4.1%	4.6%	39	4.2%
34	MANITOWOC	4.1%	4.8%	27	4.2%	5	WOOD	5.5%	5.5%	16	5.4%

WISCONSIN CITIES
Unemployment Rates
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RANK	CITY	RATE	LAST RATE	LAST RANK	YR AGO RATE
9	APPLETON CITY	5.6%	6.3%	7	5.4%
3	BELOIT CITY	7.0%	9.3%	1	7.3%
27	BROOKFIELD CITY	3.2%	3.8%	27	3.3%
18	EAU CLAIRE CITY	4.2%	4.8%	18	4.1%
6	FOND DU LAC CITY	5.8%	5.9%	11	5.2%
26	FRANKLIN CITY	3.3%	4.0%	24	3.5%
4	GREEN BAY CITY	5.9%	6.7%	6	6.2%
20	GREENFIELD CITY	4.0%	4.7%	19	4.1%
16	JANESVILLE CITY	4.4%	7.8%	4	5.4%
5	KENOSHA CITY	5.8%	7.2%	5	5.8%
19	LA CROSSE CITY	4.2%	4.7%	20	4.6%
28	MADISON CITY	3.0%	3.4%	28	3.1%
12	MANITOWOC CITY	4.8%	5.8%	12	5.0%
25	MENOMONEE FALLS VILLAGE	3.5%	3.9%	26	3.7%
2	MILWAUKEE CITY	7.1%	8.0%	3	7.3%
23	NEENAH CITY	3.7%	4.1%	23	3.4%
24	NEW BERLIN CITY	3.5%	4.0%	25	3.5%
21	OAK CREEK CITY	3.8%	4.5%	21	3.9%
15	OSHKOSH CITY	4.5%	4.9%	17	4.9%
1	RACINE CITY	8.4%	9.3%	2	9.4%
17	SHEBOYGAN CITY	4.3%	5.9%	9	4.6%
7	STEVENS POINT CITY	5.8%	5.8%	13	5.4%
14	SUPERIOR CITY	4.6%	5.0%	16	5.1%
13	WAUKESHA CITY	4.7%	5.3%	15	4.7%
10	WAUSAU CITY	5.4%	6.0%	8	4.9%
22	WAUWATOSA CITY	3.7%	4.2%	22	3.6%
11	WEST ALLIS CITY	5.0%	5.7%	14	4.7%
8	WEST BEND CITY	5.7%	5.9%	10	5.3%

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